

City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Thursday, July 7, 2022

151 Martin Street, City Commission Room 205, Birmingham, MI

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board held Thursday, July 7, 2022. Chair Doug White convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

A. Rollcall

Present: Chair Doug White; Board Members David Hocker, Anthony Long, Joe Zane; Alternate Board Member Mark Doolittle; Student Representative Ben Rosenfield

Absent: Board Member Michael St. Germain, Tom Peard, Victoria Policicchio; Alternate Board Member Amanda Fishburn; Student Representative Isabela Betanzos

Administration:

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist
Ryan Kearney, Lieutenant
Jim Surhigh, Consulting City Engineer

F&V: Julie Kroll

MKSK: Brad Strader

B. Approval of MMTB Minutes of June 2, 2022

Motion by Mr. Zane

Seconded by Mr. Hocker to approve the MMTB Minutes of June 2, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Hocker, Long, Zane, Doolittle

Nays: None

C. Introductions & Chair Comments

D. Review of the Agenda

E. New Business

1. Brown & Peabody Intersection Design

SP Cowan introduced the item. Mr. Strader and Ms. Kroll presented the item. Both answered informational questions from the Board.

Board comments indicated that the general consensus favored the mid-block crossing by the

Peabody parking structure.

Mr. Zane said he was interested in the consequences of moving the stop sign back further from the intersection.

Mr. Strader said he and Ms. Kroll would return with more information at the August 2022 meeting based on Board inquiries, including:

- Should one of the on-street spaces on Brown be removed;
- Should westbound left turns into Jax be either discouraged or prevented (including potentially installing a porkchop island);
- Should westbound left turns into Jax be better accommodated in some way; and/or,
- Whether the stop sign on Brown could be moved further back, and what the consequences would be.

Lt. Kearney said eliminating the left turn into Jax may be confusing for customers at first, but would not likely pose a long-term issue.

In reply to Mr. Strader, Lt. Kearney said he would prefer that pedestrians be directed to one crosswalk given the number of different traffic and pedestrians variables in the area.

Mr. Long explained his support for the mid-block crossing by noting that one crosswalk would require pedestrians coming from the parking structure to double back to reach the fitness center.

The Chair recommended that both options be presented to the Board at the August 2022 meeting.

With one eastbound lane on Brown instead of two, Mr. Strader noted the mid-block crossing was also less likely to pose an issue.

2. Latham & Southlawn – All Way Stop Analysis

CCE Surhigh introduced the item. Ms. Kroll presented the item.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Motion by Mr. Zane

Seconded by Mr. Long to recommend to the City Commission that the intersection of Latham and Southlawn be changed to an all-way stop condition from its current condition of a single stop required for westbound Southlawn.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Hocker, Long, Zane, Doolittle

Nays: None

3. Multi-Modal Transportation Plan – Sidewalk Gaps

SP Cowan and CCE Surhigh presented the item and answered informational questions from the

Board.

Mr. Zane supported the proposal to prioritize areas with no sidewalks over areas with small sidewalk gaps. He said adding sidewalks to the area around Northlawn would be valuable.

In reply to a question from Mr. Zane, SP Cowan said he would clarify whether there is a difference between the neighborhood connector route and the loop.

Mr. Hocker said it would be helpful to add the loop to the map.

SP Cowan said he would return with a draft update.

F. Unfinished Business

G. Meeting Open to the Public for Items not on the Agenda

H. Miscellaneous Communications

I. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the Board adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist